

**I claim:**

1. A method of making a brush strip comprising the steps of:  
(a) retaining a lengthwise bundle of filaments;  
(b) fusing one end of said lengthwise bundle of filaments; and  
(c) cutting said lengthwise bundle of filaments to form said brush strip.

2. The method of making a brush strip of claim 1 wherein:  
said lengthwise bundle of filaments being retained in a vertical orientation when being fused.

3. The method of making a brush strip of claim 1 wherein:  
said lengthwise bundle of filaments being retained in an angled orientation when being fused.

4. The method of making a brush strip of claim 1 wherein:  
fusing said end of said lengthwise bundle of filaments with a welding process.

5. The method of making a brush strip of claim 4 wherein:  
said welding process being performed by moving said lengthwise bundle of filaments in a lengthwise direction relative to one of an electron beam of an electron beam welding machine and an electrode of a TIG welding machine.

6. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

(d) flaring a nonfused end of said fused brush strip by squeezing both sides of said fused brush strip at substantially a fused end thereof with at least one set of squeezing dies.

7. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 1, wherein:

said fused brush strip being flexed into a nonlinear shape.

8. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 1, wherein:

said fused brush strip being held between a first and second retainer.

9. A method of making a brush strip comprising the steps of:

(a) retaining a lengthwise bundle of filaments in a vertical orientation;

(b) fusing one end of said lengthwise bundle of filaments; and

(c) cutting said lengthwise bundle of filaments to form said brush strip.

10. The method of making a brush strip of claim 9 wherein:

fusing said end of said lengthwise bundle of filaments with a welding process.

11. The method of making a brush strip of claim 10 wherein:  
said welding process being performed by moving said lengthwise bundle of filaments in a lengthwise direction relative to one of an electron beam of an electron beam welding machine and an electrode of a TIG welding machine.

12. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 9, further comprising the step of:

(d) flaring a nonfused end of said fused brush strip by squeezing both sides of said fused brush strip at substantially a fused end thereof with at least one set of squeezing dies.

13. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 9, wherein:

said fused brush strip being flexed into a nonlinear shape.

14. The method of making a brush strip of claim 13 wherein:

said fused brush strip being held between a first and second retainer.

15. A method of making a brush strip comprising the steps of:

(a) retaining a lengthwise bundle of filaments in an angled orientation;

(b) fusing one end of said lengthwise bundle of filaments; and

(c) cutting said lengthwise bundle of filaments to form said brush strip.

16. The method of making a brush strip of claim 15 wherein:  
fusing said end of said lengthwise bundle of filaments with a  
welding process.

17. The method of making a brush strip of claim 16 wherein:  
said welding process being performed by moving said lengthwise  
bundle of filaments in a lengthwise direction relative to one of  
an electron beam of an electron beam welding machine and an  
electrode of a TIG welding machine.

18. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 15,  
further comprising the step of:

(d) flaring a nonfused end of said fused brush strip by  
squeezing both sides of said fused brush strip at substantially a  
fused end thereof with at least one set of squeezing dies.

19. The method of making a fused brush strip of claim 14,  
wherein:

said fused brush strip being flexed into a nonlinear shape.

20. The method of making a brush strip of claim 19 wherein:  
said fused brush strip being held between a first and second  
retainer.